

Just closing the loop from our side.

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From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: September 29, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne

Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

From: Lapierre, Philippe

Sent: September 29, 2015 2:59 PM
To: McCaig, Janis

Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

From: Houle, Mélanie

Sent: September 29, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Lapierre, Philippe

Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

Hi Phil,

Please see below for a few examples which could be included in the note.

Toronto – Project Honeymoon -

Date: May 28, 2015

Project Honeymoon was referred to CID by Inland Enforcement. An Enforcement Officer had uncovered a marriage of convenience ring during his investigations into foreign nationals misrepresenting themselves on their spousal sponsorship applications. CID conducted a lengthy 4 year investigation, which included dozens of KGBs and cautioned statements, multiple Production Orders, requests for marriage license and divorce applications, a handwriting and document forensics analysis, weeks of surveillance and months of organizing and preparing disclosure for PPSC prior to the arrest. CID's investigation revealed that Wei Ren

usually charged \$30,000 to arrange a marriage for the purpose of obtaining Canadian permanent residency. Ren paid recruiters and Cdn sponsors approximately \$9,000. Ren made all the arrangements for photographs of the couple showing a relationship over a period of time, engagement photos, the wedding and reception, the applications to CIC and would also arrange for the couple's divorce for another \$1,000.

On Thursday May 28, 2015, at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Justice MacDonnell stated that in his view, the appropriate sentence for REN was a term of **imprisonment of 2 years less one day.** He ordered that REN's term of imprisonment be served in accordance with the terms of a conditional sentence order for a period of 2 years less one day, commencing on May 29, 2015. The terms include House Arrest for the first 12 months of the sentence and strict conditions/curfew for remainder of time to be served.

From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: September 29, 2015 2:30 PM
To: Lapierre, Philippe; Houle, Mélanie
Cc: McCaig, Janis; Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; McFalls, Christine
Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

Please assist Janis with this. Can you send her some significant cases (major cases, good sentencing, impact, etc.) based on the reporting we have been doing over the last few months.

From: Appleby, Suzan
Sent: September 29, 2015 2:24 PM
To: McCaig, Janis
Cc: Johnston, Jag; Lawless, Lynn
Subject: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

Hi Janis, this has come back to us with a request from the President to include examples of recent criminal convictions (in status). Please add in some examples in track changes. They want this returned by 15:30. Please send it directly to Lana Henderson of the DGO, cc Lisa Rocheleau and Lynn. Thanks.

Franklin, Paulette

From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: August 26, 2015 06:04 PM
To: LeFrank, Andrew
Cc: Roach, Lisa; Lapierre, Philippe; Valentine-Gupta, Marianne
Subject: FW: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Hi Andrew,

Below are some numbers and significant cases involving sham marriages. It is important to note that CID focuses of marriages of convenience where there is an element of fraud, usually by all parties involved (i.e. exchange of money to facilitate entry to Canada under false pretences). Some of these overlap with counselling misrep or consultant fraud type investigations.

Let me know if you need more info.

Jag

From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: August 26, 2015 8:11 AM
To: Johnston, Jag
Subject: FW: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Jag, as requested below are the MoC statistics that we obtained from CIIMS. In addition we provided three examples that encompassed a project and two routine investigations.

	2013-14	2014-15	2015 - Pres
Leads Opened	111	67	15
Cases Opened	13	8	1
Charges Laid	3	1	0
Cases Concluded	1	2	2
Guilty Convictions	1	0	2

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Project Honeymoon was initiated after Inland Enforcement uncovered a marriage of convenience (MOC) scheme. CBSA criminal investigations revealed that Wei Ren charged Chinese Nationals \$30,000 for MOCs. Wei Ren pled guilty to five counts of counselling misrepresentation under the IRPA and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of two years less one day. Her sentence is to be served in accordance with the terms of a conditional sentence order which includes House Arrest for the first 12 months and strict conditions with a curfew between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for the remaining 12 months.

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A year old male citizen of: arrived at the POE, stating he was going to visit A cursory examination of a chat application on his phone called revealed a conversation he had been having with a

woman who lives in [REDACTED] Several of their conversations were in relation to them getting married and him paying \$5000. According to the text messages he was only coming to Canada long enough to get married, file the applicable paperwork and then leave. The BSO detained the subject and CID was contacted. RCMP in the [REDACTED] area were contacted for their assistance in interviewing the female subject. The male subject stated in his interview that it was all a joke. The female subject confirmed that he had offered to marry her and that he had offered her \$5000. She claimed not to have received any money and that she would not have married him. The male subject was arrested for Misrepresentation under s. 127 of the IRPA. On [REDACTED] the male subject was found guilty, fined \$2000 and subsequently deported.

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a possible Marriage of Convenience in relation to a couple in [REDACTED]

A referral was made to Inland Enforcement officers, who interviewed the male subject, who at the time was an applicant for Permanent Residency in Canada. The male subject admitted to the fraudulent marriage and admitted to paying his spouse in exchange for sponsorship. CID was notified and held a cautioned interview with both parties on [REDACTED] where the confession was recorded.

On [REDACTED] CID laid IRPA s. 127 Misrepresentation and s. 126 Counselling Misrepresentation. The male subject pled guilty to the s.127 charge(the Crown withdrew the s.126 charge) and was sentenced to 6 months incarceration.

From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: August 25, 2015 1:34 PM
To: Lapierre, Philippe
Subject: FW: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Please pull stats and also some notable CID cases on marriages of convenience for Andrew's review.

From: LeFrank, Andrew
Sent: August 25, 2015 1:32 PM
To: Johnston, Jag
Cc: Roach, Lisa
Subject: FW: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Jag:

Can you determine what we have done from a CID perspective on marriages of convenience in the last year or two?

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From: Beauregard, Monik
Sent: August 25, 2015 1:07 PM
To: LeFrank, Andrew
Subject: FW: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Andrew,
Not sure who these would go to but they are stats requested at yesterday's mtg. Do you need more?
Thx
M.

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To: Beauregard, Monik
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Subject: RE: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Here is Zrinka's fast work, just for Q4:

- 184 Immigration Investigations for a possible Marriage of Convenience were conducted in Q4 (January 01, 2015 – March 31, 2015)
- 26 cases (14%) resulted in further enforcement action (evidence was gathered and individuals were reported for non-compliance of the IRPA)
 - o 3 of the 26 individuals were Foreign Nationals and 23 were Permanent Residents
 - o Countries of citizenship:
- 158 cases (86%) were concluded with no further enforcement – reasons noted below:
 - o no IRPA grounds (137), officer discretion/warning letter issued (2), person deceased (1), person no longer in Canada (2), H&C application approved (10), unable to locate – all leads exhausted (6)

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Subject: FW: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Stephen,

This is the message. Please work with Marty's team to see what we had for Q4 and Q1 of the last APS. We should have all the stats available.

Thx
M.

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Cc: Barisic, Zrinka; Soper, Lesley L; Rocheleau, Lisa; Sheehan, Martin
Subject: RE: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

I attended the mtg with Peter and can debrief at DMT.

Only tasking for us will be to provide APS type info/stats for the Pres on the state of our Immigration Investigations in this area; success with prosecution/conviction; trend lines of marriages of convenience; as well as Criminal Investigations into consultants facilitating marriage of convenience.

Expect a tight BF on this one when it comes in so please get started if you can.

Thx
M.

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tks.

So do we know who in CBSA Ops wrote this/who was consulted in EIPD or CIC, and when etc.?

There does not appear to be any recommendation for additional legislative or regulatory changes from what I can tell but rather assembling and sharing best practices in the domain.

We can review in more detail and feed our input into whomever has been consulted on this within EIPD to date; but based on the recommendations, there is nothing proposing a public policy change; they all seem like program management or operational coordination issues so I do not expect we will have much input.

tks.

Recommended Actions

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Subject: RE: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

No idea what the background is but Monik was copied on this paper being sent from Peter to Charles Melchers, e-mail attached. Believe I forwarded to Stephen, but would have to check to confirm.

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To: Lawless, Lynn; Bolton, Stephen
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Not sure what paper is being referred to?

If it is this one cited in the attachment, the first I've heard of it is today:

If it's this one noted above, can you share a copy and explain the backstory to it?

tks

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I've actually looked at the paper and it is more than MoC,

as review of legislation and policy....

as well

From: StMarseille, Richard
Sent: August 24, 2015 1:22 PM

To: Bolton, Stephen
Cc: Barisic, Zrinka; Beauregard, Monik; Soper, Lesley L; Rocheleau, Lisa; Lawless, Lynn
Subject: FW: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Hi Stephen,

This would/should have been a file to sort out with the directorate realignment between your area and Lynn's area I believe. The only thing I've seen on marriages of convenience for several years is the attached ATIP where I believe all or most of the briefings/docs fell under Lynn as an investigations file (both criminal and immigration). From what I recall, MOC is a split file between immigration and criminal investigations – so post e&I realignment not sure which of the two would be the OPI for the issue.

The only "marriage" related policy file we worked on for the past 2 years is the forced marriage/polygamy file, but this is substantively different than MoC; we're finishing up those reg changes with CIC now.

From a policy development point of view, we have not at all been engaged/heard of anything on MOC. CIC would largely be the policy lead on this issue,

I've asked Jim Greenwood for a copy of the EIPD file transition mapping document for the directorate realignment but he's not in today; this if I recall correctly was on that was on it in terms of which of the two program divisions the file should reside with, but I'm not entirely sure.

tks.
Richard

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Would this be us or you guys?

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From: Jean-Poix, Ralph

Sent: August 24, 2015 12:51 PM

To: Stoneberg, Juli; Sauvé, Mike; Bolton, Stephen

Cc: LeFrank, Andrew; Robertson, Heather; Morantz, Michael; Pierce, Jamie

Subject: FCC Plenary: Issue Sheet for Sham Marriages

Good afternoon,

Attached, please find the most recent version of the issue sheet that was presented and approved by the President last Friday August 21, 2015.

Please make any adjustments that you see fit and are required based on the meeting we had with a/VP., Mr. Hill.

- Would it be possible to have this issue sheet **no later than Wednesday August 26, 2015 by noon**, due to the bilateral meeting with our President CIC DM.

As usual, I remain available should you have any questions with this issue sheet.

Have a great day!

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Concluded 2015-16 Q1

Region	Total Cases Concluded		Concluded with a Conviction		Conviction Rate %
	Complex Case	Port Prosecutions	Complex Case	Port Prosecutions	
Atlantic	2	6	2	6	100%
Quebec	3	11	3	10	91%
NOR	3	11	3	11	100%
GTA	4	9	4	8	89%
SOR	0	18	0	15	83%
Prairie	1	10	1	10	100%
Pacific	2	16	2	12	75%
National	15	81	15	72	89%

- Project Honeymoon was initiated after Inland Enforcement uncovered a marriage of convenience (MOC) scheme. CBSA criminal investigations revealed that Wei Ren charged Chinese Nationals \$30,000 for MOCs. Wei Ren pled guilty to five counts of counselling misrepresentation under the IRPA and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of two years less one day. Her sentence is to be served in accordance with the terms of a conditional sentence order which includes House Arrest for the first 12 months and strict conditions with a curfew between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. for the remaining 12 months.
- On April 13, 2015, Donald Hare pled guilty to charges of making false statements and smuggling of firearms under the Customs Act as well as Criminal Code charges. He received an eight year jail sentence along with the forfeiture of his guns and vehicle. Mr. Hare and his family were examined at the Rainbow Bridge after they returned following a family vacation. The Border Services Officer (BSO) found **13 undeclared pistols, 12 magazines, 2 knives, 3 boxes of ammunition, hand grenades, a baton, an AR223 scope** and a gun that Mr. Hare had on him.
- On [REDACTED]¹ who is a National with multiple aliases and previous deportee pled guilty to returning without prescribed authorization. He received a nine months jail sentence and he will be removed upon the completion of his sentence.

- On June 09, 2015, Gordon Lawrence Ellis was sentenced to **six months in jail** after **pleading guilty** on September 2, 2014, to smuggling child pornography. This case is the result of an examination that occurred at the Port of Huntingdon where BSOs found a video containing suspected child pornography in electronic media belonging to Mr. Ellis. The CBSA Digital Forensic Investigator discovered 105 written stories, 9 videos, and 61 still images of child pornography.

Franklin, Paulette

From: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne
Sent: August 28, 2015 02:24 PM
To: Bereck, Kevin; Dastous, Pierre; Dure, Roowdy; Johnston, Jag; Lapierre, Philippe; Lewis, RobertJ; McFalls, Christine; Melancon, David; Murango Ishaka, Ghislaine; Routhier, Georges; Shillington, Ryan; Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; Zimmerman, Stephen; Houle, Mélanie
Subject: FW: Weekly review - CID media cases

From: St-Denis, Nicholas
Sent: August-28-15 02:24:16 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)
To: Johnston, Jag
Cc: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne
Subject: Weekly review - CID media cases

The honeymoon is over

Date of release: August 28, 2015
Infraction: MoC
Charges laid: Misrepresentation
Summary:

- No more sob stories, no more pleas for mercy, no more bogus brides and grooms cheating our immigration system. At least for those few who have actually been caught. The Federal Court of Canada is saying zāijiàn to Xiulan Li, refusing to block her deportation back to China almost a decade after she paid \$30,000 to wed a Canadian in an immigration scam that's been used by hundreds of Chinese students to get permanent residency. Li, 31, arrived in March 2005 on a visa to study English and fashion design. The following year, she wed Canadian Adam Ryan here in a marriage arranged by matchmakers who charge exorbitant sums to stage fake weddings. For his part in the charade, Ryan was paid a fee for the ceremony and for sponsoring Li's application for permanent residency. And it worked. Li obtained permanent resident status on March 28, 2007 and with help from their paid matchmakers, the "couple" -- who had never lived together -- divorced in October 2009. Li would have lived happily ever after except for Project Honeymoon, a 2008 investigation by the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) that uncovered an alarming number of purchased marriages of convenience. In May, Toronto ringleader Wei Ren Z-- aka Christine Ren and Christine Molson -- was sentenced to two years less a day of house arrest for orchestrating an elaborate scheme where 130 Chinese students paid her between \$30,000 to \$35,000 each for marriage to a Canadian sponsor, complete with staged photos, hired actors and rented finery... [Ottawa Sun](#), [13 \(Toronto Sun\)](#), [5 \(Calgary Sun\)](#), [Edmonton Sun](#), [Winnipeg Sun](#))

SOR; Teacher caught at border with guns

Date of release: August 27, 2015
Infraction: firearms
Charges laid: Fail to declare
Summary:

- A retired teacher is awaiting a bail hearing after he was caught at the Ambassador Bridge Monday allegedly trying to enter Canada with 34 firearms, most of them longbarrelled guns. Gerald Smith, 63, of Ohio, made a brief court appearance in Windsor via video Tuesday. He's been charged under the Criminal Code with numerous counts of possessing restricted and non-restricted firearms, as well as under the Customs Act for failing to declare the weapons. Defence lawyer Maria Carroccia said she was not at liberty to divulge details, including any explanation as to why her client might be in possession of so many firearms. She said some of the weapons were disassembled when seized by authorities. A Windsor federal prosecutor said Wednesday he was unable to comment, and calls by The Star to the regional and national offices of the Canada Border Services Agency were not returned. Carroccia said that, as far as she knew, Smith has no criminal record in either Canada or the United States and that he lawfully possesses firearms in Ohio.

Ambassador Bridge; SOR; Significant Firearms Seizure

Date of release: August 25, 2015

Infraction: Smuggling/firearms

Charges laid: 159 of the CA

Summary:

- On August 24, 2015, a lone male was referred to Secondary Customs examination as well as to Immigration examination as he had no proof of citizenship and only presented his Ohio driver's license. Three Border Services Officers (BSO) approached as well as two Superintendents. The male subject was asked to exit the vehicle. Subject ignored officer's commands and went into a rant about irrelevant things including "that he was told to lie" and then he stated, "Okay, I need to be honest with you, there are 17 guns in the car, mostly rifles and shotguns." Subject was subsequently assisted out of vehicle and arrested for smuggling firearms into Canada. Subsequent examination revealed the discovery of 34 firearms. Seven handguns and 27 long guns, seven extra barrels, six extra magazines, 10 rounds of ammunition and a sword were discovered. The evidence was logged in a secure location. Criminal Investigations and Intel came on-site.

Ambassador Bridge Commercial Off-Site; SOR; Evacuation of building

Date of release: August 25, 2015

Infraction: Smuggling/firearm/weapons

Charges laid: 153(a), 155 and 159 of the CA

Summary:

- On August 24, 2015, BSOs at the Windsor Commercial Off-Site building found a grenade while examining a U-Haul truck full of personal household goods. BSOs called Windsor Police Services (WPS) who arrived on site at 2310 ET. WPS instructed the officers and the commercial brokers to evacuate the building and stay at a safe distance. At approximately 2342 ET, the WPS Sergeant made the decision to call in the bomb squad but gave the all clear for employees to return to the main portion of the building, as the dock area where the grenade was located was separated by cinder block walls and considered a safe distance from the building. On August 25, 2015, at approximately 0300 ET, WPS removed the suspected grenade and took it to their training facility for a controlled detonation and cleared the dock area for use. The female driver was in possession of a handgun, 21 prohibited magazines, brass knuckles and a suspected grenade. She was charged by Criminal Investigations with Customs Act section 153(a) false or misleading statements, section 155 possession of prohibited or restricted goods, section 159 smuggling or attempt to smuggle goods into Canada.

Prairie region; Fined \$19K for immigration scam

Date of release: August 25, 2015

Infraction: Immigration fraud

Charges laid: Misrepresentation

Summary:

- A Winnipeg man has been fined \$19,000 for his part in an immigration scam that allowed dozens of Chinese citizens who never left home to claim permanent residency status in Canada. Yong Guang Zhou, 42, pleaded guilty to misrepresenting or omitting material facts relevant to the administration of the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act between 2011 and 2014. "This whole scheme is an insult to lawful Canadians," said Judge Dale Harvey. Court heard the Canada Border Services Agency launched an investigation in late 2012 after learning 42 Chinese citizens who had attained permanent residency status lied to Citizenship and Immigration Canada about where they lived. All 42 citizens had claimed residency at one of two Winnipeg homes Zhou owned to support "the illusion" they lived in Canada "when in fact, these individuals were mainly residing in China," Crown attorney Erin Magas told court. Zhou was enlisted by a company called Beijing Maple Business Consulting to allow his homes to be used as mailing addresses for the citizens. Zhou forwarded the mail back to the company, allowing the citizens to perpetuate the ruse. On several occasions, Zhou met citizens at the Winnipeg airport, drove them to meetings with Citizenship and Immigration Canada, and then drove them back to the airport to return home. Magas said the scam allowed the Chinese citizens to circumvent Citizenship and Immigration Canada regulations requiring them to spend at least two years out of five in Canada before being granted permanent residency status. Canada Border Service Agency investigators intercepted three of the citizens as they arrived in Canada, none of whom had ever been to Winnipeg, despite claiming permanent residency here, Magas said. Two of the

citizens were intercepted carrying instructions telling them how to respond to immigration questions, while a third was caught with instructions advising him to hide his passports in his underwear. "The Crown considers this a very serious offence," Magas said. "Mr. Zhou was party to a significant immigration fraud." Postmedia News.

Port of Abbotsford-Huntingdon; Pacific Region; Firearms Seizure

Date of release: August 24, 2015

Infraction: Smuggling/firearms

Summary:

- On August 21, 2015, a citizen of the United States in transit to Alaska, on military orders, was referred into secondary for an examination. Through secondary questioning and examination, 3 hand-guns (.45 Glock 21, .45 FNH FNX45, .50 500 Smith & Wesson) and 8 long-guns (Ruger 10-22, Sporter SKS .62x39, Spikes Tactical ST-15/AR, Springfield M1A, 2x Marlin .22, Mossberg 12 gauge) were discovered in various locations in the subject's pick-up truck.

North Portal; Prairie Region; Firearms Seizure

Date of release: August 24, 2015

Infraction: Smuggling/firearms

Summary:

- On August 22, 2015, a total of six firearms were seized from a family of US citizens transiting to Alaska. The family were travelling in two separate vehicles (a U-Haul and a pickup truck) and made nil declarations. When they were advised that an examination was going to take place, both the father and son-in-law admitted that undeclared firearms and weapons would be found. A .45 Para pistol, a .45 Springfield, two .308 rifles, a 12 gauge shotgun, a .22 rifle, as well as a muzzleloader, bow, switchblade and 13 over capacity magazines were discovered in the U-Haul.

OAG Listing of a representative sample of clients linked to 7 CBSA major fraud investigations

Operation No Show (residency investigation) The CBSA provided 555 names of individuals linked to the consultant. The OAG randomly selected 7 for a GCMS file review to see if the individuals were linked to the investigation.

Atlantic's response:

The names on the list were part of the more than 500 names provided to CIC in 2012

We were not using GCMS in 2012.

- All names were part and parcel to the information provided to CIC in 2012
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The investigation began in July 2010. In May, 2011, we executed multiple search warrants and seized a large quantity of evidence. In the year following, the lead investigator and assigned analyst analyzed 16000 seized documents and conducted 60 witness interviews. Charges were sworn on May 11th, 2012, exactly one year after the warrants were executed.

As excerpted from the Investigator's Report:

Following charges, the CBSA provided close to 600 names of CANADA 2000 clients to CIC

CIC also has the ability to request information from CBSA for use in regulatory matters related to these clients. Additionally, clients names were supplied to CRA as a number of clients had received GST and child tax benefit cheques.

Client UCI	Family name	"Alert" in GCMS	Regional response

Operation Mallette – (residency investigation) The CBSA provided 166 names of individuals linked to the consultant. The OAG randomly selected 2 for a GCMS file review to see if the individuals were linked to the investigation.

Date of Birth	Last Name	First Name	"Alert" in GCMS	Regional response

Operation Project Turnkey (residency fraud investigation) The CBSA provided 367 names of individuals linked to the consultant. The OAG randomly selected 6 for a GCMS file review to see if the individual was linked to the investigation.

Quebec's response:

Date of Birth	Last Name	First Name	Alert in GCMS	Regional response

Client UCI	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Alert in GCMS	Regional response

Operation Orchestra (fraudulent document investigation). The CBSA provided 267 names of individuals linked to the consultant. The OAG randomly selected 3 for a GCMS file review to see if the individual was linked to the investigation.

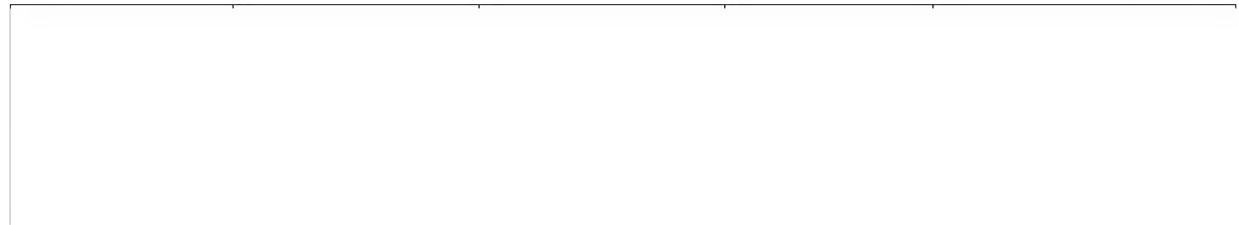
Quebec's response:

Client UCI	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Alert in GCMS	Regional response

Project Honeymoon (marriage of convenience investigation). The CBSA provided 800 names of individuals linked to the consultant. The OAG randomly selected 10 for a GCMS file review to see if the individual was linked to the investigation.

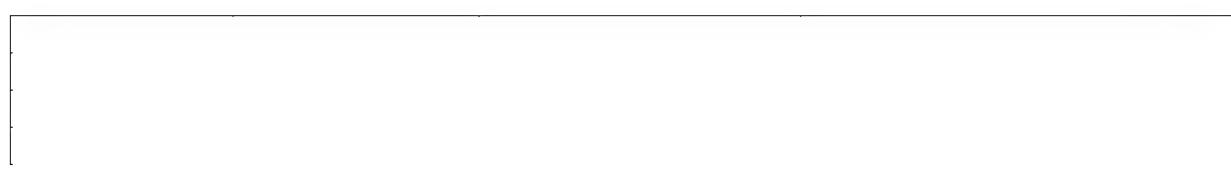
Greater Toronto Area's response:

Client UCI	Client Name	Date of Birth	Alert in GCMS	Regional response



Investigation (residency Fraud) The CBSA provided 724 names of individuals linked to

The OAG randomly selected 9 for a GCMS file review to see if the individual was linked to the investigation.



Project New Can (residency fraud investigation). The CBSA provided 1122 names of individuals linked to the consultant. The OAG randomly selected 14 for a GCMS file review to see if the individual was linked to the investigation.

Pacific's response:

We have reviewed the 14 names in the OAG audit associated to CBSA Criminal Investigations in Vancouver.

Within the chart below, the clients in red were referred to the Director of Case Management at CIC for input into FOSS on December 20th, 2012 (two months after the first search warrants). The names in orange were referred to the Co-ordinator of Case Management on April 3, 2013 for input into FOSS (less than 6 months after the first search warrants). The April 3, 2013 referral to CIC consisted of 1757 suspect names (some names were later determined to be duplicates reducing the list to approximately 1300). The referral emails to CIC are attached for your reference.

The remaining four names that were not provided to CIC for FOSS input were identified in a subsequent in depth review of the file in August and September 2015 (prior to the sentencing hearing) as possibly being involved in the fraud. Coincidentally, the OAG conducted their audit in September as well. The names were therefore included in the Newcan client list requested by the OAG in September. It should however be noted that with those 4 outstanding clients,

I would also like to highlight that paragraph 43 of the OAG audit, at least in reference to the NewCan cases, is misleading as it states that CBSA did not provide information to CIC on a "timely

basis". The start of an investigation cannot be used as a starting point for when information is available to be shared with CIC. The substantive information is gathered via search warrants. In the NewCan case, these warrants spanned over a 2 year period from 2012 to 2014. Seizures from the warrants included 23 large memory computers and over 90 bankers boxes of evidence, the vast majority of which is in Chinese and required translation.

CBSA CI prioritized the evidence, for those cases that best demonstrated the fraud committed by the consultants. As additional clients were linked to the fraud scheme, information on the clients, was, and is, continuously shared with CIC by CBSA CI and Inland Enforcement. I note that despite these challenges, 10 of the 14 names identified by the OAG were shared with CIC within 6 months of the execution of the first warrants.

Client UCI	Names	DOB	December 20, 2012 email	April 3, 2013 email	Alert in GCMS	Referred to CIC

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS - MARRIAGES OF CONVENIENCE

Case Statistics

Note: Time Period

- Prior to 2008, CBSA systems did not capture statistics related specifically to marriages of convenience (MOC). As a result, statistics provided here incorporate primarily information received from 2008 forward.

	Approximate #
	MOC
Referrals Received	approx. 200
	Referrals can be received from various sources, including internal and external officials, the public, and media articles, to name a few. A referral is basically a "lead", suspicion or tip that illegal activity may be occurring. Each lead is screened by investigations personnel. Depending on the nature of the information, not all leads will result in investigations being launched. Reasons for not launching an investigation would include, for example, assessment that there is little likelihood of obtaining sufficient evidence to launch a prosecution, or that the alleged offence falls outside the jurisdiction of the CBSA. In such cases, the CBSA would refer the case to the appropriate investigative agency (i.e., the RCMP for national security and human trafficking).
Investigative cases opened	39 cases
	Opening an investigative case indicates that CBSA has assessed that an alleged offence exists within CBSA's mandate, that further investigations could possibly result in evidence being obtained, and that the CBSA is expending resources to advance the investigation into the allegations. Investigations can be extremely complex and can involve various investigative steps, including locating and interviewing witnesses, review of volumes of applications, execution of search warrants, obtaining evidence overseas, etc.
Charges laid in	7 cases
Cases concluded in court	3 cases
Of these cases, convictions obtained in	3 cases
	Upon completion of an investigation, and where sufficient evidence is obtained to recommend charges , investigators prepare a prosecution brief and recommend charges to the Public Prosecution Service of Canada. We have identified seven cases related to MOCs that have resulted in charges laid. Of these cases, three have been concluded in court.

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Cases closed without charges	15 cases
	Of the 39 investigations related to MOC's 15 have been closed without charges being laid. Reasons for closing cases without charges may include and are not limited to: allegations determined to be unfounded; sufficient evidence to support prosecution could not be identified, often due to lack of documentary evidence or payment, historical application documents were no longer available due to time that had passed; potential foreign national witnesses were removed due to their inadmissibility, credibility of witness statements, etc.
Cases still under investigation	cases
	Our data indicates that the CBSA presently has <i>open investigations</i> related to MOC's. Investigations can be extremely complex and can involve various investigative steps, including locating and interviewing witnesses, review of volumes of applications, execution of search warrants, obtaining evidence overseas, etc. These cases relate to a wide variety of allegations, including misrepresentation (s.127), and counselling misrepresentation (s.126).

Case Examples

Cases Concluded in Court

Marriage of Convenience – Tran and Nguyen

Ms. Nguyen entered Canada in 2001 as a visitor to visit her sister and remained in Canada without status. In a cautioned interview, she admitted she had knowingly entered into a fraudulent marriage of convenience to illegally gain permanent residence status in Canada. The person she had paid was her brother-in-law, Mr. Tran, who had completed a spousal sponsorship application in 2001. Between 2008 and 2009, both Ms. Nguyen and her brother-in-law were charged under the former *Immigration Act* and were both found guilty and were incarcerated for 30 and 43 days respectively.

Marriage of Convenience – Ouk

Ms. Ouk had originally entered Canada as a student. She came to the attention of the CBSA as a result of an investigation into employment of foreign nationals without authorization. Execution of a search warrant in October 2006 led to information that Ouk was working without authorization and may have, or had, entered into a marriage of convenience. The information was referred to

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CIC for follow up as Ouk had applied for permanent resident status. Ouk had been asked to appear at CIC in relation to the spousal application. During the verification interview Ouk made a full confession that she had paid her "spouse" \$5,000 and had promised another \$10,000 when her application was successful. CIC referred this case for criminal investigation. Ms. Ouk was later interviewed, under caution, by CBSA investigators and admitted that she had met Mr. Ngeth at a party, had offered him \$15,000 to help her get status in Canada, had already paid him \$6000 and would pay the remainder once she received her permanent resident status. This was described as a business arrangement. In September 2008, the CBSA charged Ms. Ouk with one count of misrepresentation (s.127(a)) under the IRPA. Upon completion of court proceedings in June 2010, the court sentenced Ouk to 60 days house arrest. Ouk would be subject to deportation upon completion of her sentence.

Cases Currently Before the Courts

While charges have been laid, these allegations have not been proven in court. The individuals are considered innocent until such time as the court determines guilt.

Consultant / Marriages of Convenience

During December 2007, a Scarborough-based consultant was charged with ten counts of counselling misrepresentation under s.126 of the IRPA. It is alleged that the consultant was involved in a number of marriages of convenience; the subject is believed to currently be outside Canada and an arrest warrant is outstanding in relation to these charges.

Marriage of Convenience

This investigation relates to a woman who became a permanent resident of Canada on June 23, 1990 and a Canadian citizen on March 25, 1994. There are currently five registrations of marriage for this individual. Three of her spouses have applied for permanent residency in Canada in the spousal category with her listed as the sponsor; one has been granted. On the spousal applications for her second and third husbands she has stated that she had not been previously married and left the section blank regarding previous undertakings. The sponsorship of her first husband was successful. The other two spousal sponsorships have been refused. There is one record of a registration of divorce proceeding application. This application was applied for by her third husband in November 2009, but has not been granted at this time. This individual has married four men while still married to her first husband and has attempted to sponsor two men for permanent residency in Canada by completing documents with false information. The CBSA laid charges against [REDACTED] on October 5, 2010 consisting of two counts of misrepresentation under section 127(a) of IRPA and two counts of bigamy under the Criminal Code.

ON-GOING INVESTIGATION:

This investigation is ongoing – any public release of the following information would jeopardize the investigations. This investigative information is also subject to exemption under the appropriate sections of the Access to Information Act.

Project Honeymoon

Information had originated from CIC's Case Processing Centre – Vegreville (CPC-V). In the last couple of years, CPC-V noted high numbers of marriage sponsorships that bore similarities which led them to suspect marriages of convenience. CIC enlisted CBSA Regional Inland Enforcement Officers to investigate the cases referred by CPC. During their investigation, two possible "coordinators" were identified and were referred to Criminal Investigations.

The basic theme, with little variation, is that the "coordinators" would offer to pay Canadian citizens to marry Chinese nationals. The Chinese clients are charged \$30,000 to \$40,000 CAD to set up each of these fraudulent marriages and the Canadian citizens are paid \$7,000 CAD. They are paid half of the fee for the marriage ceremony and the sponsorship process. This includes the obligation to travel and pose at multiple locations for staged photographs which shows a period of courtship which appears to take place over several seasons and at radically different locations around the province. The residual amount owing is paid upon approval of the Application for Permanent Residence and after the actual landing takes place. A lawyer subsequently arranges for divorces and frequently divorce papers are signed on the date of the marriage. The investigation into the two coordinators continues.

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Ok, let's send for translation including the following messaging:

Colleagues,

Below is an example of a weekly briefing we provide to the DG EIOD on CI cases (translation completed for distribution of this email). We collect this information through various sources (CBSA Today, media clips, CIIMS, etc.) but your proactive notification of notable investigations to NHQ regional reps or to myself is the best way for us to ensure we are sharing and elevating our success stories to senior management and our internal partners at NHQ.

From: Johnston, Jag

Sent: June 16, 2015 12:17 PM

To: LeFrank, Andrew; Anderson, Lyndsay

Cc: Bereck, Kevin; Dastous, Pierre; Dure, Roowdy; Lange, Maria; Lapierre, Philippe; Lewis, RobertJ; McFalls, Christine; Melancon, David; Routhier, Georges; Shillington, Ryan; Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; Zimmerman, Stephen; Bertuzzi, Kalli; Burtt, Tracy; Cyr, Craig; Holodny, Eugenia; Ichiiwa, Terry; Jedlinski, Frank; McCaig, Janis; St-Denis, Nicholas

Subject: CID cases from Ops Briefing

Lyndsay – you may want to add these to next weeks OBEC for Andrew. Of note: sentencing in these cases was significant and again demonstrates the impact/deterrence CBSA (specifically CID) is providing.

St. Stephen, N.B; Previous Deport (the “swimmer”) - V0184945C

Date: June 4, 2015

On May 30, a man who was apprehended by police as he tried to swim from Maine, USA to New Brunswick, CAN has pleaded guilty to weapons and immigration offences. U.S. citizen Jordan Nathaniel Richard Paul had brass knuckles and pepper spray on him when he was pulled from the St. Croix River last Saturday. A criminal record check showed the subject had two arrest warrants.

He was charged under the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act s.18(1) by CID for not going through a proper examination upon entering Canada. The judge also **sentenced the subject to 60 days in jail** with a \$100 victim surcharge on each charge. Paul is also prohibited from owning or possessing weapons for 10 years.

Toronto – Previous Deport - V0182949C

Date: June 2, 2015

This subject is a previously deported person and has used multiple aliases in the past to not only enter Canada, but to also get Canadian citizenship. Subject is also a flight risk, having tried to escape from law enforcement on at least 2 occasions. Accused pled guilty to S 124 (1)(a) for 52(1)-Return Without Prescribed Authorization and received **indictable sentence of 9 months incarceration**. Subject will be removed upon completion of his sentence.

Windsor – Previous Deport - V0184465C

Date: June 1, 2015

On May 14, 2015 NASSERIAN, a U.S. national, sought entry to Canada at the Detroit-Canada Tunnel port of entry. The BSO performed a name query of Ms. NASSERIAN and returned a positive hit identifying her as having a previous enforcement.

The query indicated that Roya NASSERIAN had been the subject of a Deportation Order on June 14, 2012, August 7, 2011, June 27, 2011, May 23 2011, April 18 2011, and February 24 2011 as well as a Departure Order on June 3, 2008.

Roya NASSERIAN had not obtained the prescribed consent form the Minister to return to Canada. Ms. NASSERIAN was charged under section 124(1) (a) pursuant to section 52(1) of the IRPA for returning without authorization. Ms. NASSERIAN pled guilty and was sentenced to 28 days incarceration.

SOR - Firearm and ammunition criminal convictions - V0173500C

Date: May 26, 2015

On March 16 2014, BSOs at the Rainbow Bridge intercepted Amanda & Donald Hare as they returned to Canada from a 1 week vacation to Florida. The subjects were travelling with their two children aged 17 and 8. All occupants declared 'no' firearms or weapons. When BSOs searched the vehicle, they found a gun case containing **6 undeclared pistols** in the cargo bin on the roof of the vehicle. Donald admitted he had **another gun on him**. Further examination of the vehicle found an **additional 7 pistols, 12 magazines, 2 knives, 3 boxes of ammunition, hand grenades, a baton, an AR223 scope** and 11 grams of marijuana. Subjects suspected of purchasing firearms in the USA.

On April 13, 2015, Donald Hare pled guilty to charges under the Customs Act for false statements and smuggling, as well as a number of Criminal Code charges. Hare received an **eight year sentence, with four years under the Customs Act and four years under the Criminal Code**, along with forfeiture of his guns and vehicle.

The charges were the result of a joint investigation led by the Toronto Police Service, involving the CBSA, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms – Canadian Liaison, Peel Regional Police Service and the Ontario Provincial Police.

Toronto – Project Honeymoon - V0088310C

Date: May 28, 2015

Project Honeymoon was referred to CID by Inland Enforcement. An Enforcement Officer had uncovered a marriage of convenience ring during his investigations into foreign nationals misrepresenting themselves on their spousal sponsorship applications. CID conducted a lengthy 4 year investigation, which included dozens of KGBs and cautioned statements, multiple Production Orders, requests for marriage license and divorce applications, a handwriting and document forensics analysis, weeks of surveillance and

months of organizing and preparing disclosure for PPSC prior to the arrest. CID's investigation revealed that Wei Ren usually charged \$30,000 to arrange a marriage for the purpose of obtaining Canadian permanent residency. Ren paid recruiters and Cdn sponsors approximately \$9,000. Ren made all the arrangements for photographs of the couple showing a relationship over a period of time, engagement photos, the wedding and reception, the applications to CIC and would also arrange for the couple's divorce for another \$1,000.

On Thursday May 28, 2015, at the Ontario Superior Court of Justice, Justice MacDonnell stated that in his view, the appropriate sentence for REN was a term of imprisonment of 2 years less one day. He ordered that REN's term of imprisonment be served in accordance with the terms of a conditional sentence order for a period of 2 years less one day, commencing on May 29, 2015. The terms include House Arrest for the first 12 months of the sentence and strict conditions/curfew for remainder of time to be served.

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Thanks.

From: McCaig, Janis
Sent: June 26, 2015 1:13 PM
To: Johnston, Jag
Subject: FW: Requests for information from CIC

Hi Jag,

Please let me know if you require anything further, thanks.

Janis

From: Lefebvre, Manon
Sent: June 18, 2015 11:53 AM
To: Johnston, Jag; Richer, Martin R (ISCAPU)
Cc: Comeau, Jean-Marc; McCaig, Janis; Richer, Katherine; Virc, Sonia; Baijal, Priti; Ferris, Jennifer
Subject: RE:

Bonjour Jag,

Please note that I will be away from the office for the next 6 weeks.

Merci.

Manon Lefebvre
Manager and Senior Counsel/ Gestionnaire et Avocate-conseil
CBSA DLSU / SJM ASFC
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From: Baijal, Priti
Sent: June 8, 2015 1:01 PM
To: Johnston, Jag
Cc: Comeau, Jean-Marc; Richer, Martin R (ISCAPU); McCaig, Janis; Lefebvre, Manon
Subject:

Hello Jag,

Thanks!

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Thanks for the quick response on this one.

From: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne
Sent: September 29, 2015 3:47 PM
To: Johnston, Jag
Cc: McFalls, Christine
Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

Just closing the loop from our side.

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From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: September 29, 2015 3:41 PM
To: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne
Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: September 29, 2015 2:59 PM
To: McCaig, Janis
Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

From: Houle, Mélanie
Sent: September 29, 2015 2:50 PM
To: Lapierre, Philippe
Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

Hi Phil,

Please see below for a few examples which could be included in the note.

Toronto – Project Honeymoon -

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reception, the applications to CIC and would also arrange for the couple's divorce for another \$1,000.

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From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: September 29, 2015 2:30 PM
To: Lapierre, Philippe; Houle, Mélanie
Cc: McCaig, Janis; Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; McFalls, Christine
Subject: FW: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

Please assist Janis with this. Can you send her some significant cases (major cases, good sentencing, impact, etc.) based on the reporting we have been doing over the last few months.

From: Appleby, Suzan
Sent: September 29, 2015 2:24 PM
To: McCaig, Janis
Cc: Johnston, Jag; Lawless, Lynn
Subject: URGENT TASKING: Ministerial Transition Criminal Investigations Note
Importance: High

Hi Janis, this has come back to us with a request from the President to include examples of recent criminal convictions (in status). Please add in some examples in track changes. They want this returned by 15:30. Please send it directly to Lana Henderson of the DGO, cc Lisa Rocheleau and Lynn. Thanks.

From: McFalls, Christine
Sent: July 31, 2015 12:57 PM
To: Lapierre, Philippe
Subject: RE: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016

Phil – for your review.

From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: July 31, 2015 11:24 AM
To: McFalls, Christine
Subject: FW: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016

From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: July 31, 2015 11:16 AM
To: Lapierre, Philippe
Subject: RE: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016

Use the summaries that were prepped for the regions based on our Tues meeting briefings to pick a couple more cases. There were some cases in there that were good sentencing.

From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: July 31, 2015 11:14 AM
To: Johnston, Jag
Subject: RE: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016

Jag, our BF is today. I can get Christine to look into this

Phil

From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: July 31, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Lapierre, Philippe
Subject: RE: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016

I'd like a couple more cases with good sentencing. The cases should be tightened up to really hit on the highlights – the summary below is too long.

From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: July 31, 2015 11:08 AM
To: Johnston, Jag
Subject: FW: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016

Jag, I understand that we will be submitting new information to the PSSR. Nonetheless, I believe that until the changes come into place the following is acceptable for Q1. Could you review and

confirm

Thanks

Phil

Concluded 2015-16 Q1					
Region	Total Cases Concluded		Concluded with a Conviction		Conviction Rate %
	Complex Case	Port Prosecutions	Complex Case	Port Prosecutions	
Atlantic	2	6	2	6	100%
Quebec	3	11	3	10	91%
NOR	3	11	3	11	100%
GTA	4	9	4	8	89%
SOR	0	18	0	15	83%
Prairie	1	10	1	10	100%
Pacific	2	16	2	12	75%
National	15	81	15	72	89%

Project Honeymoon was initiated as a result of a by Inland Enforcement that uncovered a marriage of convenience ring of Chinese foreign nationals misrepresenting themselves on their spousal sponsorship applications. CID conducted a lengthy 4 year investigation, which included dozens of videotaped statements, multiple Production Orders, handwriting and document forensics analysis and weeks of surveillance. CID's investigation revealed that Wei Ren usually charged \$30,000 to arrange a marriage for the purpose of fraudulently obtaining Canadian permanent residency for Chinese nationals, usually here on study permits. Ren paid recruiters approximately \$2,000 to find a Canadian Sponsor and paid the Sponsor approximately \$7,000. She made all the arrangements including photographs of the couple showing a relationship over a period of time, the applications to CIC and arranging for the couple's divorce.

On May 28, 2015 REN pled guilty to five counts of counselling misrepresentation under the IRPA and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment of 2 years less one day. It is to be served in accordance with the terms of a conditional sentence order which includes House Arrest for the first 12 months and strict conditions with a curfew between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m for the remaining 12 months.

On April 13, 2015 Donald Hare pled guilty to charges of making false statements and smuggling of firearms under the Customs Act as well as Criminal Code charges. He was sentenced to 8 years incarceration along with the forfeiture of his guns and vehicle. Mr. Hare and his family were examined at the Rainbow Bridge as they returned to Canada after a family vacation. The Border Services Officer (BSO) found 13 undeclared pistols, 12 magazines, 2 knives, 3 boxes of ammunition, hand grenades, a baton, an AR223 scope and a gun that Mr. Hare had on him.

Orlando Henry is a previously deported person and has used multiple aliases to not only enter Canada but to also get Canadian citizenship. On two previous occasions he has attempted to escape custody. Mr. Henry was arrested in Toronto and in June 2015 pled guilty to the IRPA offence of returning without authorization. He was sentenced to 9 months incarceration.

A child pornography investigation in Vancouver resulted in a 6 month jail sentence for attempting to smuggle prohibited material. Gordan Ellis was examined at the Abbotsford-Huntingdon port of entry where the BSO discovered suspected child pornography on his electronic device. Further forensic examination by the Criminal Investigations Section identified over 61 images, 9 videos and 105 stories.

Le projet lune de miel a été transmis à la DEC par les Opérations d'exécution de la loi dans les bureaux intérieurs. Un agent d'exécution de la loi avait découvert un réseau de mariage de convenance lors de ses enquêtes portant sur les ressortissants étrangers qui inscrivaient des renseignements inexacts dans leurs demandes de parrainage d'un conjoint. La DEC a mené une longue enquête de quatre ans dans laquelle était inclus une douzaine de KGB et de déclaration après mise en garde, une analyse judiciaire de l'écriture et des documents, des semaines de surveillance et des mois d'organisation et de préparation pour la divulgation au SPPC avant de procéder à l'arrestation. L'enquête de la DEC a révélé que Wei REN demandait habituellement 30 000 \$ pour organiser un mariage dans le but d'obtenir un statut de résident permanent canadien. Les demandeurs étaient des ressortissants chinois, généralement au pays grâce à leur permis d'étudiant. REN payait les recruteurs environ 2000 \$ afin qu'ils trouvent un répondant canadien et payait celui-ci environ 7000 \$. REN s'occupait de tous les arrangements liés aux photographies permettant de laisser croire à une relation de couple sur une certaine période, des photos de fiançailles, des photos de mariage et de la réception, les demandes à CIC et s'organiseraient aussi pour fournir les documents de divorce du couple pour un autre 1000 \$.

Le jeudi 28 mai 2015, le Juge MacDonnel a déclaré, à la Cour supérieure de justice de l'Ontario, que selon lui, la sentence appropriée pour REN était une peine d'emprisonnement de deux ans moins un jour. Il a ordonné que la peine d'emprisonnement de REN soit accomplie conformément aux termes des modalités d'une ordonnance de sursis, pour une période de deux ans moins un jour, à compter du 29 mai 2015.

Les termes de cette sentence incluent une détention à domicile au cours des 12 premiers mois de la peine. Ceci implique que REN reste à son domicile en tout temps, sauf pour des rendez-vous médicaux/dentaires pour elle-même, son mari, ses 3 enfants, ses parents et sa sœur. REN doit aviser son surveillant des services judiciaires 24 heures avant de tels rendez-

vous.

Pour les 12 autres mois moins un jour, le juge MacDonnel a ordonné un couvre-feu entre 23 h et 6 h.

D'autres modalités de l'ordonnance permettent à REN de quitter sa résidence les samedis entre 18 h et 20 h pour des motifs personnels.

REN doit maintenir la paix, avoir un bon comportement et communiquer avec son surveillant des services judiciaires dans les 5 jours ouvrables et à sa demande, par la suite. Elle doit informer la Cour de tout changement de noms ou d'adresses ou de tout changement d'emplois et ne doit en aucune circonstance aider ou conseiller qui que ce soit en matière de déplacement ou d'immigration au Canada, sauf avec ses parents et sa sœur.

From: Zimmerman, Stephen
Sent: July 30, 2015 4:20 PM
To: Lapierre, Philippe
Cc: Houle, Mélanie
Subject: RE: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016

Phil, attached are the stats and the English write-up for Project Honeymoon.

From: Lapierre, Philippe
Sent: July 21, 2015 10:56 AM
To: Zimmerman, Stephen
Cc: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne
Subject: FW: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016
Importance: High

Stephen, could you look into this request

BF: July 31, 2015

Phil

From: Henry, Jeremy
Sent: July 21, 2015 8:49 AM
To: Allain, Anabelle; Beavon, Katrina; Bernard, Jean-Charles; Boyer, Melissa; Brown, Scott; Caldwell, Chris; Carroll, Kathy; Croteau, Kevin; Doucette, Selina; Freeman, Connie; Gibbons, Jessica; Goodkey, Glenn; Goyette, Jean-Pierre; Griffiths, Renee; Heiden, Nicole; Herbasz, Ryszard; Jarvis, Ryan; Johnston, Christine; Junek, Michael; Kasak, Melody; Kerrigan, David; Kingsbury, Sonya; Laframboise, André; Lapierre, Philippe; Lewis, RobertJ; Martin, Ivan; McKeen, Sharon; Mikkelsen, Suzanne; Moore, Jo-Ann; Nicholson, Todd; Page, Jonathan; Paulin, Desiree; Perkins, Lisa; Rapone, Danielle; Rioux, Julie; Rocque, Natalie; Rosevear, Dan; Sauvé, Mike; Siguenza, Rene; Ste-Croix, Annie; Terreberry, Connie; Tremblay, Robert; Veillette, Lise-Anne; Velluso, Nick; Worth, Louise; Young, Curtis
Cc: Dubois, Dominique; Gushue, JohnWm.; Henry, Jeremy; Kenny, Morgan; Kingsley, Donald; Lefebvre, AlainC; Milberry, Kathy; Ojha, Richard; Paul, Mireille; Warsalee, Riaz; Werre, Mary; Grushman, Andrei
Subject: CALL LETTER PSSR/RAPPEL RRNS Q1 FY2015-2016
Importance: High

English VersionLe français suit***

CALL LETTER

- We are asking you to submit your 1st quarter (April, May, June 2015) data no later than July 31, 2015 in English and French.
- For any section with graphs, please submit a separate copy of your submission in Excel or ensure that your embedded Excel charts and graphs can be edited for format only. We will not make any changes to content.

TRANSLATION AND CORRECTIONS: You will be provided with a copy of any correction made to your submissions. Submissions that require changes to content will be sent back. We have noticed inconsistencies and mistakes in some of the translated texts and graphs. For graphs please ensure that all titles are translated including names of regions, etc. Accuracy of translation is critical, including how numbers are represented in French.

Formatting Guidelines for the PSSR are available on wiki,

Please send your submissions and any question to the Performance Reporting Unit's (PRU) mailbox at: PRU-URR@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca You may also contact Jeremy Henry at (613) 954-7212 should you have any questions.

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RAPPEL

- Nous vous demandons de soumettre les données de votre 1^{ère} trimestre (Avril, Mai, Juin 2015) au plus tard le 31 Juillet 2015 en anglais et en français.
- Pour toute soumission avec des graphiques, veuillez soumettre une copie à part en format Excel ou veiller à ce que vos tableaux et graphiques Excel incorporés puissent être édités pour le format seulement. Nous n'allons pas apporter des modifications au contenu.

TRADUCTION ET CORRECTIONS : Vous recevrez une copie de toute correction effectuée pour vos soumissions. Les soumissions qui nécessiteront des changements de contenu seront retournées sur le champ. Nous avons remarqué une quantité d'incohérences et d'erreurs dans certains des textes et graphes traduits de certaines sections – pour les graphes – assurez-vous que tous les titres soient traduits incluant les noms des régions, etc. La justesse de la traduction est critique, incluant la façon d'écrire les chiffres en français.

Lignes directrices de mise en forme pour le RRNS sont disponibles sur le wiki,

Veuillez transmettre vos soumissions et toute question à la boîte de réception de l'Unité des rapports sur le rendement (URR) à : PRU-URR@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca ou Vous pouvez aussi communiquer avec Jeremy Henry au (613) 954-7212 si vous avez des questions.

As requested

Thanks!

Caroline

From: Hunziker, Daniel
Sent: December 10, 2015 9:20 AM
To: Ryan, Caroline
Subject: RE: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Please see column entitled Rationale for explanation.

Project Honeymoon (marriage of convenience investigation).

Client UCI	Client Name	Date of Birth	Alert in GCMS	Rationale

Regards

From: Ryan, Caroline
Sent: December 10, 2015 8:33 AM
To: Hunziker, Daniel
Subject: FW: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

From: Ryan, Caroline
Sent: December 8, 2015 3:18 PM
To: Hayley, Lora
Subject: FW: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Hi Lora, looking for information in regards to Project Honeymoon. Here is email chain regarding what HQ is looking for in regards to Project Honeymoon. As per Christine's email

Please send back to me asap to roll up to HQ.

Thanks

Thanks!
Caroline

From: Thompson, Robert
Sent: December 8, 2015 2:46 PM
To: Ryan, Caroline
Subject: FW: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Can you look at this for me...please...C Burns is not in until tomorrow and LP is off tomorrow.....As the Cars sang....you're all I got tonight!

From: McFalls, Christine
Sent: December 8, 2015 11:38 AM
To: Caron, Éric; Thompson, Robert; Price, Albert; St. Denis, Linda; Martino, Anthony
Cc: Routhier, Georges; McFalls, Christine; Lapierre, Philippe; de Montigny-Williams, Rachel
Subject: FW: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Your immediate attention is required for this OAG tasking. Please ensure Georges Routhier and I are included in the responses.

Please see attached list from OAG that includes Projects related to residency fraud investigations by CBSA that was used in the audit of CIC re: Citizenship Fraud.

Please see Pacific's response
as a sample to assist you.

Pacific Response to Project New Can

From: Wuigk, Harald
Sent: December 4, 2015 9:34 PM
To: Johnston, Jag; Kramer, Susan; Lapierre, Philippe; St-Laurent, Andrea
Cc: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; Frood, Jacqueline; Gray, Yvette-Monique
Subject: RE: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Hello,

Thank-you for sending the list of 50 names that the OAG audit looked to see if CBSA had alerted CIC on for potential fraud. 14 of the names were for a Vancouver investigation (Project Newcan). We

have reviewed the 14 names in the OAG audit associated to CBSA Criminal Investigations in Vancouver.

Within the chart below, the clients in red were referred to the Director of Case Management at CIC for input into FOSS on December 20th, 2012 (two months after the first search warrants). The names in orange were referred to the Co-ordinator of Case Management on April 3, 2013 for input into FOSS (less than 6 months after the first search warrants). The April 3, 2013 referral to CIC consisted of 1757 suspect names (some names were later determined to be duplicates reducing the list to approximately 1300). The referral emails to CIC are attached for your reference.

The remaining four names that were not provided to CIC for FOSS input were identified in a subsequent in depth review of the file in August and September 2015 (prior to the sentencing hearing) as possibly being involved in the fraud. Coincidentally, the OAG conducted their audit in September as well. The names were therefore included in the Newcan client list requested by the OAG in September.

I would also like to highlight that paragraph 43 of the OAG audit, at least in reference to the NewCan cases, is misleading as it states that CBSA did not provide information to CIC on a "timely basis". The start of an investigation cannot be used as a starting point for when information is available to be shared with CIC. The substantive information is gathered via search warrants. In the NewCan case, these warrants spanned over a 2 year period from 2012 to 2014. Seizures from the warrants included 23 large memory computers and over 90 bankers boxes of evidence, the vast majority of which is in Chinese and required translation.

The resultant 18,000 emails were primarily in Chinese and had to be analyzed by the CBSA Criminal Investigations (CI) team for fraudulent activity and linked to the evidence seized from the warrants. CBSA CI prioritized the evidence, for those cases that best demonstrated the fraud committed by the consultants. As additional clients were linked to the fraud scheme, information on the clients, was, and is, continuously shared with CIC by CBSA CI and Inland Enforcement. I note that despite these challenges, 10 of the 14 names identified by the OAG were shared with CIC within 6 months of the execution of the first warrants.

Client UCI	Names	DOB	December 20, 2012 email	April 3, 2013 email	Alert in GCMS	Referred to CIC

From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: December 4, 2015 5:57 PM
To: Kramer, Susan; Lapierre, Philippe; St-Laurent, Andrea
Cc: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; Frood, Jacqueline; Wuigk, Harald; Thompson, Robert
Subject: RE: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Susan – can you take a look at the list and flag which of those are predominantly Inland investigations and validate the info

Phil – please review list.

. You may want to reach out to Kathy Carroll in Inland Ops to coordinate efforts.

DGO – we'll need an extension on this tasking given the coordination required.

From: Obembe, Tomi
Sent: December 4, 2015 3:51 PM
To: Johnston, Jag
Cc: Barszczewski, Erek; Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; Frood, Jacqueline; Kramer, Susan; Wuigk, Harald; St-Laurent, Andrea
Subject: RE: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Hello Jag,

Prior to sending a request to the OAG for additional information, I wanted to ensure that you had already seen the attachment. It includes much of the information you requested in your email below. Please take a look at it and let me know if you still require the region and office information for each case. With respect to case numbers, do the titled cases above each table have a unique case number, or is the client UCI listed in some of the tables the case number?

Please advise.

Thank you,

Tomi

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From: Johnston, Jag
Sent: Friday, December 04, 2015 03:28 PM
To: Barszczewski, Erek
Cc: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; Frood, Jacqueline; Kramer, Susan; Wuigk, Harald; St-Laurent, Andrea

Subject: RE: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Para 41 refers to 27 individuals (from sample of 50) associated with 7 different CBSA investigations of fraud related to residence, marriages of convenience and document fraud:

Erek - Would you be able to reach out to the OAG office to obtain the data used to make the observations in para 41 and Exhibit 7? We'll need the file numbers/names, region, and office. With the limited info provided, it is unclear if the investigations are criminal or regulatory investigations making it difficult for us to validate the information. In order to respond to this observation, we'll need to know which cases the OAG is referring to.

From: St-Laurent, Andrea
Sent: December 4, 2015 10:33 AM
To: Johnston, Jag
Cc: Valentine-Gupta, Marianne; Frood, Jacqueline
Subject: FW: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Please prepare a response to VPO's request below, please coordinate the response with other division if necessary.

BF: 12:00 December 7

Thank-you,
Andrea St-Laurent
Enforcement and Intelligence Operations Directorate
NEW Tel.: (613) 948-0359

DIRECTION DE L'EXÉCUTION DE LA LOI ET DU RENSEIGNEMENT
NOUVEAU Tel.: (613) 948-0359

From: Saindon, Hubert
Sent: December 3, 2015 4:59 PM
To: Frood, Jacqueline; St-Laurent, Andrea
Cc: Boutilier, Kimberley; Gareau, Andrée; Melchers, Chantal; Abdallah, Nancy; Alie, Manon; Alves, Jessica; Carboneau, Alex; Daley, Angeline; Renaud, Céline
Subject: OAG - Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program

Good afternoon,

As discussed during this afternoon's meeting with DG Palamedes to discuss the Audit of Detecting and Preventing Fraud in Citizenship Program DG LeFrank is to provide comments back directly to DG Palamedes (with a copy to VPO) with respect to paragraph 41 and the 27 cases cited in the report. As per an earlier exchange from the AVP, EIOD is to review, validate and provide further information with respect to Exhibit 7.

May I ask that you please submit this information directly to DG Palamedes by next Monday, December 7, 2015?

Border Ops – Keeping you in the loop seeing as normally these would come through you however in the interest of time and that EIOD were in the room it only seemed fair to keep this one off of your plate.

HUBERT SAINDON

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Question Period Note	
TITLE	
ISSUE: A recent article in The Canadian Press refers to an internal CBSA briefing document outlining the Agency's direction involving the criminal investigations of marriage of convenience cases and naming Project Honeymoon, an ongoing investigation.	
BACKGROUND:	
<p>Since assuming primary responsibility for investigating IRPA offences in June 2006, the CBSA has experienced a steady increase in the number of IRPA offence referrals that it receives each year. Currently, approximately half of the CBSA's criminal investigation funding is expended on immigration investigations. Resources are focused on cases where the probability of obtaining the required evidence to pursue the investigation and successful prosecution is high. During the past year, the CBSA has further re-aligned its criminal investigations resources in order to more aggressively pursue the problem of consultant fraud and marriages of convenience as these issues have risen in priority.</p> <p>Many CBSA regions have mature investigations underway, and are expediting the investigations as much as possible. Consultant-related files frequently inter-relate with various other immigration issues such as MOC, temporary foreign worker fraud or student fraud.</p> <p>You may recall, in previous briefing notes, we categorized the types of MOC that may be investigated.</p> <p>However, criminal investigations may be pursued when a couple pretends to be in a genuine relationship so that the sponsored partner can come to, or stay in, Canada. In some cases, the sponsor may be given a financial or other kind of benefit in exchange for the sponsorship. This type of MOC constitutes organized fraud, in which both sponsors knowingly participate.</p> <p>In addition to complex immigration frauds involving consultants, organized MOC, human smuggling and document fraud, the CBSA's current priorities for investigation and prosecution also include repeat offenders, strategic export violations, weapons and commercial tobacco smuggling, and food, plant and animal offences that could affect the safety and security of Canadians. Investigative efforts will continue to focus on individuals who pose a safety or security concern and those who pose significant risks to the integrity of Canada's immigration programs.</p>	
PROPOSED RESPONSE:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">As this involves active investigations, it would be inappropriate for me to	

comment on the particulars of the cases.

- CBSA conducts investigations of marriages on convenience where there are indications of deliberate non-compliance with Immigration legislation.
- My officials at the Canada Border Services Agency are aware of this issue involving marriage of convenience fraud, and take allegations of this nature seriously. Responsibility for *the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* is shared between Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Canada Border Services Agency.

CONTACT: Prepared by	Tel. no.	Approved by:	Tel. no.
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Note pour la période de questions**TITRE****SUJET :****CONTEXTE :****LIGNES RÉPONSES :**

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